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# Government Vacuum Poses Dilemas

## Status Of Class Councils Remains In Doubt Following SA Dissolution

With the passage of SA dissolution referendum, class presidents this week faced the problem of determining the status of the respective class councils.

Of the four classes, only the freshman has its own constitution, giving its class council basis for extistence separate from the SA. John Taylor, freshman class president, announced that the council will continue with the present officers under this 1962 constitution until the end of this school year.

However, since the constitution provides for the council elections to be handled through the SA, Taylor said that next year's freshman class will be unable to organize a council. Taylor also expressed concern about obtaining funds for class projects this year, adding that, at present, "we haven't got a cent."

Previous to the discovery of the 1962 class constitution, the freshman class council had decided to dissolve itself and reform as an Ad Hoc committee. However, on Monday, Taylor met with Lynn Hinman, coordinator of Student Acitivities, and decided instead to continue the council in its present structure.

Sophomore class president Mary McArthur expressed her determination to continue class council meetings "until someone tells me otherwise." Miss McArthur said the class was in the midst of several projects, and "we can't very well just stop."

Miss McArthur said elections would not be held this year, but suggested they might be held next fall. She expressed optimism about obtaining money for

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## No Action Yet For New Government; SLC To Discuss Issue March 29

Dean of Men Bruce Peterson told the **Campus** Monday that he felt that "the students must approach the administration if they want a new student government," and that "the administration has no intentions of trying to find candidates to run or of trying to set up their own elections."

Though the new Dean of Men said that "none of us has thought enough about the matter to know where it will end up," he did criticize the point of view which has been expressed by several of the former SA leaders and which contends that the academic and social issues of the college should be separate.

"I cannot go along with this strict cataloguing of the social as opposed to the academic. Certainly a formal lecture is not the same thing as a fraternity party, but there is a large amount of space in between. Everything that goes on here should be considered part of the educational experience," Dean Peterson concluded.

When asked by the **Campus** if he felt that a reconstructed Student Life Committee might be an answer to the present state, Peterson suggested that a "reconstructed SLC, or at least a reconstructed something is a probable solution." The Dean of Men said that he felt "power was too diluted in a number of different organizations before this."

Dean Peterson said that he felt that "students could probably be used more, but that ultimately it must be realized that the decisions to be made rest with the president of the college and the board of trustees."

When asked whether he thought the dissolution of the Student Association was a neutral act, Peterson said that "he was not sure what the dissolution signifies," but that he could not understand "the con-

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**Motel shower mats call Vermont the "Beauty Corner of New England." But pollution of resources such as our own Otter Creek threatens not only the corner of beauty but the health of the inhabitants. Story on page 5.**

# SEPC Backs EPC Report

In the hope that "significant changes" will occur in the curriculum at Middlebury, the Student Educational Policy Committee has declared that it will support the FEPC proposal on academic reform.

In a statement authored by committee chairman Eric Kolvig '68, the SEPC asserted that it "endorses in general the tntative proposals to change calendar, grading, and curriculum." It stated the hope that the acceptance of the proposal would allow the individual student to "move according to his own rhythms," by instituting greater flexibility in calendar and curriculum.

The only variation the SEPC took from the FEPC stand was that it pressed more forcefully for the adaptation of Alternative B, which would abolish all distributional requirements. The SEPC realize that there will be a struggle over this point and that all of the proposals may be modified by compromise, but they advocate it heartily.

### Ambivalence

The individual member of the SEPC expressed somewhat ambivalent attitudes about many of the proposed measures. Though backing alternative B in the statement, many of the members expressed divided sympathies on the subject of abolishing requirements. Only one member was unequivocally for abolishing class standing and Dean's List. The members were especially in favor of the interim Winter period, the lightened course load, the "interdisciplinary trends" indicated in the report.

## *IFC Tries Chi Psi For Theft; Ends Minimum Quota For Rush*

Chi Psi was fined $150 by the IFC recently after taking responsibility for individual members who were charged with an attempted theft from Delta Tau Omega.

This decision marks the first time the IFC has decided such a problem between two houses, and IFC President Joe Wood said that in the future such cases will be dealt with only when both houses involved agree to come before the IFC. This, said Wood, would imply that the defendant house assumes group responsibility.

The IFC has also announced several changes in rushing procedure. Starting in the fall of 1967 the minimum rush quota will be abolished. The remaining maximum quota will be derived by dividing the total number of rushees by ten and possibly adding two to this number.

During the rush period sophomores will be advised to stay in their rooms on Sunday morning when upperclassmen may enter sophomore dorms to give out bids and accept commitments.

The silent period will obtain as usual from Sunday evening until Tuesday. However, rushees will no longer meet at 6:00 a.m. in Proctor Hall to accept official bids, but instead they will go to their respective houses at the first organized meal to accept their official bids.

### NOTICE

**The Lounge and Conference Rooms of Proctor will remain open all night for studying, BOG has announced. Only the north entrance to the building will be unlocked.**

## Pres. Armstrong Promotes Deans O'Brien, Peterson

Dennis O'Brien has been appointed Dean of the College, filling the post vacated last Spring by Thomas H. Reynolds, President James Armstrong announced Monday. Bruce Peterson will succeed O'Brien as dean of men.

Armstrong noted that O'Brien, in his new office, will be generally responsible "for the operation of the college" as a whole. Dean of Men Peterson, with Elizabeth Kelly, dean of women, will be responsible to O'Brien for all academic and extracurricular endeavors.

H. Franklin Irwin, director of financial aid will also be responsible to O'Brien. Librarian John McKenna and Director of Admissions Fred Neuberger will report to the President through the office of the Dean of the College.

O'Brien, who is also associate professor of philosophy, came to Middlebury from Princeton in the Fall of 1965, and has been dean of men since then. He replaced Frederick Swift, lecturer in psychology, in that office.

**Dean of the College O'Brien**

**Dean of Men Peterson**

## Study-In Near Victory

The library "study-in" of the past week, seeking extended library closing hours, has prompted the Library Committee to submit four recommendations to the Student Life Committee.

The statement proposed that the Libary remain open until 11:45 p.m., Monday thorough Friday, with these hours contingent on Librarian John McKenna's ability to obtain satisfactory student help. These arrangements would be on a "probationary basis subject to the approval of the Librarian."

Rick Nelson, '69, student leader of the study-ins, commented on the proposals, "It's a beginning, but we also would like to leave the library open from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday evenings." He explained that the student demonstrators will study-in again if they find it necessary; particularly if these probationary hours are discontinued without a reason given to the students.

# Faculty Apathetic About Ad Hoc Com. Report

The Report to the President by the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Life, which has stimulated considerable speculation on the part of the students, has apparently been of considerably less concern to most of the faculty. Klaus Wolff, Assiciate Professor of Economics summed up what seems to be the general feeling of the faculty toward the fate of fraternities and other problems discussed in the report. "I read the report more or less out of a sense of duty. It is an issue of least interest to me personally. I couldn't care less," he said succinctly.

Asked about the report, Ronald Bielli, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, said. "I have no strong opinions on it at all." Similarly Harris Thurber, associate professor of Political Science commented, "I don't have any strong opinions on it one way or the other."

Thurber went on to say that he shared "the general attitude" that the plans for expansion were "pretty much a matter for the administration to work out." On the fraternity question Thurber commented that college run facilities would be a "lot better organized and a lot healthier."

**Inadequate**

Almost all of the faculty members contacted however were in agreement that the fraternity system as it exists now is inadequate. George Todd, instructor of Music said, "The whole fraternity system is masquerading as something I don't feel it can be. Social clubs afford a far more significant type of experience."

Todd continued that this was "not to say that fraternities are wholly without benefit" but that the Ad Hoc Committee's plan would "alleviate some of the social problems."

Asked if it was necessary for the college to take over the function of feeding and housing the students from the fraternities, Dean of the Faculty John Bowker said, "In some instances I would say very definitely yes. Some houses are so much better able to do the job than others."

**"Princetonian Eating"**

William Harris, associate professor of Classics, was one who did voice concern over the Ad Hoc Committee's proposals. "When the college is going to put a lot of money into eating halls, sociological studies should be made to show that this is worthwhile. If you expect these to be like Princetonian eating clubs, you must find out first if students will really stay longer at meals to socialize. It seems to me that right now Middlebury students are either too busy or not socially oriented toward making a dining facility a major center of their social lives." Harris suggested that a questionnaire be distributed to the student body to get some idea of how successful the satellite dining system might be.

Harris briefly outlined his own solution which he had previously submitted informally for the Ad Hoc Committee's consideration. If the fraternities should die out, and the college should buy up the mortgages; the houses could then be converted into social facilities which could provide enough space to fill the social needs of eight hundred students at one time. Students could use the facilities any time for informal meetings or parties.

Harris felt particularly strongly that the separation of the freshmen from the rest of the college was "dangerous." "Anyone who comes to the college should have the full benefit of the four years he spends here." He also said that with his plan "everything would be kept as flexible as possible, and the system would evolve of itself. It would lead to greater maturity very quickly."

## Physics Lecture

Professor William T. Doyle, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, will serve as a visiting lecturer here Tuesday and Wednesday, March 21 and 22.

He will visit under the auspices of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics as part of a broad, nationwide program to stimulate interest in physics. The program is now in its tenth year and is supported by the National Science Foundation.


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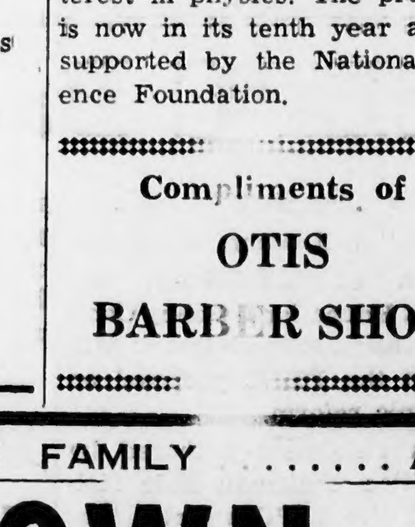
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# Laverty To Head Pan-Hell; Zuck To Be Chief Justice

In a recent election the Pan-Hellenic Council has chosen Jeannine Laverty as president and Liz Bacon as secretary-treasurer of next year's Council. In another election the Women's Judicial Board has selected Barbara Zuck as Women's Chief Justice for 1967-68.

Jeannine Laverty, a member of Women's Forum and the House Board in addition to the Pan-Hellenic Council, commented that "the possible dissolution of fraternities ahead threatens also the life of sororities at Middlebury even though the two groups don't function correspondingly here."

"The biggest problem Pan-Hel will have to face next year will no doubt be that of defending the worth of sororities," she added, "not only to the men's side of the campus (a never-ending battle) but to both present and prospective sorority members."

As president of the Pan-Hellenic Council, Miss Laverty will not only preside over all meetings and be the main coordinator of its activities, but automatically becomes the secretary of the Student Life Committee.

The Pan-Hellenic Council, consisting of 10 members, is the governing body of the sororities and is a chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. It coordinates rush and many sorority activities and also sponsors a scholarship.

Liz Bacon, next year's secretary-treasurer of Pan-Hell, is a member of Women's Forum, the BOG House and Personnel Committee, and the Pan-Hell representative on a committee for junior weekend. She also tutors at the Job Corps.

Miss Bacon feels that the "Pan-Hellenic Council should provide a means of communication not only between the sororities but also between the sororities and the rest of the campus and should be a viable institution on campus with a purpose."

She would also like to see continued the use of the Council as a means for "introducing freshmen girls to **all** upperclass women and for showing them the benefits of the sorority system."

Next year's Women's Chief Justice Barbara Zuck has been a member of the Judicial Board for a year as well as being a junior counselor and a member of the mischords. As president, Barbara will be head coordinator of the Women's Judicial Board as well as an automatic member of the Honor Board and S.A.

The Judicial Board, consisting of seven justices, tries disciplinary cases involving Middlebury women handling its decision over to the administration as a recommendation.

## *College Appoints Resident Doctor*

Dr. George F. Parton, Jr., a general practitioner from Glastonbury, Conn. has been appointed Medical Director at Middlebury College, effective July 1.

In his new position at Middlebury the Connecticut doctor will be responsible for planning new infirmary facilities to replace those on Chateau Road slated for removal when the College's new Music-Fine Arts Center is completed next year. He will treat on campus all student ailments not requiring hospitalization and will administer all athletic physicals. He also will be in attendance at athletic events and will serve as medical inspector of all college facilities, particularly fraternity housing and feeding.

A native of Plainfield, N.J., Dr. Parton received his AB degree from Washington and Lee University in 1942, and his MD from Cornell Medical School, 1945. He served his internship at Grasslands Hospital, Valhalla, N.Y. and received his residency training at Grasslands and Bellevue Hospital, 1948-52.

He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps before starting his first practice in Cambridge, Md., 1952-53. He has been in general medicine at Glastonbury for the past 13 years.

## *Councils . . .*

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can't imagine them withholding it."

A more pessimistic attitude her class projects, saying "I was taken by junior class president John Morton who said, "I don't see any point in holding any more meetings. We certainly can't have a class council without an SA."

Morton said, "the most important thing is to somehow organize junior weekend." Planning of the weekend has been turned over to BOG, since Morton said he had been unsuccessful in arousing interest and support for the project from members of the class.

Morton said that if a desire for some means of class unity should develop, the class council could resume meetings. However, he said that no interest in class projects had been evident this year.

Peter Thaxter, senior class president, said his class was really unaffected by the situation. In the past senior class councils have not met second semester anyway.

Thaxter said the only remaining duties of the council concerned graduation activities, and that the class already had sufficient funds for these projects.

**A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, March 20, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., in McCullough Gym.**

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***EDITORIAL SECTION***

## *The Little Things*

There is an assortment of bothersome issues which have been attracting a good deal of attention lately, both by this paper and by the campus at large, including the dissolution of student government and the extension of parietal hours.

We use the word "bothersome" because such issues can tend to obscure the fact that our primary purpose here is still to experience an education.

Yet in pursuing such problems, and in demanding an opening up and liberalizing of our environment, we are with the same words demanding to be freed of the little things, the unreasonable things, which in their totality create a needless encumbrance to that educational experience.

Student power is not our ultimate goal. But student control of his own environment is our aim, that we may ultimately and totally be able to get on to that which brought us here.

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# *Letters To The Editor*

## *Keep The Faith*

**To the editor:**

The Middlebury News Conference might have been amusing had the issues at hand not been so tragic. We were to discuss suffering, death, war, truth, responsibility, and the continuity of democracy and mankind. We were confronted with hedging, hemming, hawing, bickering, pontificating and the continuity of frustration.

Malcolm Browne alone illustrated his remarks on the problems of the newsman and the nature of the Viet Nam war with relevant personal observations and facts, such as the "whispering campaign" in Washington and the personal example of the civil war in Viet Nam. Their speeches enlightened the audience on one important issue. They dispelled with alacrity any notion that "hypocisy" was becoming a meaningless cliche. On the contrary, their smiling, satisfied faces proclaimed its flourishing reality.

Mr. Sylvester sniffed that he wouldn't have interrupted Mr. Browne during **his** time slot but accepted his lot in resigned martyrdom. Mr. Moss evaded embarrassing questions in resonant, ministerial grandeur. Mr. Lower agreed with several things. Mr. Browne put the whole empty rhetoric into its proper farcical, satiric tones and Mr. Moss got very upset — one should not take such serious subjects so lightly.

When Eric Bass expressed the frustration building up in many of us at hearing questions evaded and facts sugar-coated with indulgent flattery, he was greeted by shocked "oh's" from the audience and stony faces of consternation from the stage. However, the gentlemen soon recovered their speech, their soap-boxes and their pulpits. The questions remained unanswered.

The session closed with a few pleasant words of advice to the "youngsters" as we were called; words however unable to conceal their real import. Sean O'Casey said it for them: "The whole world's in a terrible state o' chassis." Translated: "Keep up the faith, babies — because we have got nothing else for you."

**Cheryl Nissan**

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'The Deer Park'

# *Mailer Drama Collage Of Dimensions*

**By JOHN PLANT**

Into the making of Norman Mailer's play **The Deer Park** went much of his novel of the same name, essays and other pieces from **Advertisements for Myself,** poems and ideas from **Cannibals and Christians,** and ten years of work. The play is coherent, intense and unique. The characters come from his 1955 novel, **The Deer Park**, whose title is taken from D'Angerville's description of a royal brothel, a "gorge of innocence and virture," in his **Private Life of Louis XV.** The battleground for the drama is a Californian resort, Desert D'Or, or, if we prefer, "some not quite definable estate or existence of Hell."

The hero is a bisexual pimp named Marion Faye; a part of the play concerns his friend, movie director Charles Eitel, whose career has been ruined by his refusal to co-operate with HUAC, and Eitel's disintegration thorough a love affair with an uneducated dancer named Elena Esposito.

Two men serve as a sort of antiphonal chorus; there is Sergius O'Shaugnessy, an Air Force pilot who is in Desert D'or with a fortune to blow, and who has no power and little influence in the world of the play; he is the first person of the novel, and in the play it is through his mouth that many of its ideas are directly articulated.

The other is Herman Teppis, head of Supreme Pix, who sits overhead on a throne (which turns out to be a toilet); he is the supreme power in the world of the play; many of the play's most intense and difficult scenes are followed by a relevant maudlin poison from his pontifical seat. Both Sergius and Teppis participate in the action, but neither undergoes any irregular or basic change; at most they are catalysts; Sergius presents Ideas, and Teppis Anti-Ideas.

The bases of Eitel's affair with Elena are shown to be deceptive. For him the affair is symptomatic of the same disease which causes him to retract his HUAC testimony so he can make movies, and then to produce nothing with integrity; for Elena the marriage is the cancerous alternative to suicide. Marion is also shown to fail, partly in his love for Eitel, partly in a complex of mental circuits I have been unable to retain.

**Merciless Clarity**

But each action of the play, each line, relates with merciless clarity to the actor's honesty and courage, disintegration and blindness. I do not propose to outline all the ideas of the play, but a few quotes are relevant:

**"Oh, my Lord," prays Father Marion in a cloister of Marion Faye's brain, "I have sinned and fallen from Grace, for I wish Damnation upon You." (p. 330 of the novel).**

**But God, who is the oldest of all the philosophers, answers in his weary cryptic way, "Rather think of Sex as Time, and Time as the connection of new circuits. (p. 375 of the novel).**

**...like some cell at the crisis of its cellvish destiny. I race into the midnight mind, the dream-haunted determinations of that God of whom I was a part, and will He choose me to be born again. Or worst of all am I. . .a fetor of God's brown sausage in his time of diarrhea. . .So I approach Him, if I have not already lost him, God, in His destiny, in which He may succeed or tragically fail... (Advertisements for Myself, p. 477, paperback edition).**

**Yes, murder sounds like a symphony in your head, and suicide is a pure quartet). An American Dream, p. 15 paperback.**

In most plays introspection and integration are processes that begin and develop well after the theatrical experience; it is only after long study that

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# Players Revi
# 'Can't Take It

**By KURT HEINZELMAN**

The Middlebury College Players will contribute this week to the recent George S. Kaufman revival with Erie Volkert's staging of the Kaufman-Hart comedy "You Can't Take It With You" at Wright Memorial Theatre this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 17-19, at 8:15 p.m.

Writing in 1959, Harold Clurman commented, "There is a tendency nowadays to downgrade the thirties." He goes on to analyse the peculiar qualities and developments in American literature, and particularly in theatre literature, during that period of discontent, concluding that: "The lean days and hungry nights of the thirties were a brave time. Aren't we a little torpid now?"

Do the thirties need defending? Do what seem to us today to have been a queer intellectual naivete and a blindness to political-economic realities need justification or even that condescending understanding which comes from historical perspective? Perhaps the correct period of time has elapsed, for this, it seems, in 1967, to be a moot question. Instead of defense, the thirties are receiving a re-hearing. New Books: Harvey Swados's anthology, **The American Writer and the Great Depression,** and Henry Dan Piper's collection of Malcolm Cowley's critical writings, **Think Back on Us . . .,** are two such pieces of evidence. The revivals of George S. Kaufman's plays (there are four on Broadway) are further examples.

The case of Kaufman is, in some respects, unusual. All the adjectives we have come to associate with the thirties, liberal, radical, outraged, discouraged—Kaufman wasn't. True, he wrote satires, and sometimes he even raised his voice in a shout, but his shouts never became cries,

# Otter Creek Pollution: Raising The Blinds

By MAUREEN CROWLEY
News Editor

" . . .The water pollution picture is so vast, and its implications extend to so many aspects of the Nation's life, that each of us tends to see clearly only that portion which is visible through his own particular window," remarked Dr. LeRoy E. Burney, then Surgeon General, Public Health Service, in addressing the National Conference on Water Pollution in Washington, D. C. in 1960.

Here the window fronts on Otter Creek, the longest river in Vermont, which originates in the Dorset area and flows north 75 miles into Lake Champlain at Ferrisburg. In past years, Middlebury, along with Rutland, Proctor, Pittsford, Brandon, Vergennes and smaller riparian communities simply pulled the shades on a situation which they had helped to create.

More recently public disgust, private initiative, and federal and state legislative promptings have served in forcing these communities to face the polluted landscape. Each has taken positive, if inadequate, steps toward coping with the problem.

**Paying the Debt**

For decades the same towns which owed their origin and subsequent industrial growth largely to this New England stream acknowledged the debt by pouring raw sewage into Otter Creek. With contributions picked up from Rutland (Pop. 20,000) to Proctor (2000) to Pittsford (2200) to Brandon (3400) to Middlebury (5400) to Vergennes (2000) the stream was unable to recuperate through so-called "self-purification."

Five years ago, when the towns were ordered to come up to newly adopted standards of quality for intrastate waters, several had already begun sewage treatment plants, although none were completed.

Since that time all the major polluters of the stream have in effect completed treatment facilities, the latest to comply being Middlebury's Water Pollution Control Center.

Yet the "tell-tale yellow" of a once-sparkling New England stream belies the visions of improvement, and in the words of Gordon St. Peter, operator of the Rutland sewage treatment plant, "It will be a long time before people have the courage to fish there again."

**Otter Creek shoreline. Pollution has made the Creek more a peril from disease than drowning.**

Middlebury's treatment plant reflects one of the reasons for this all-too-apparent lack of improvement. The plant provides for primary treatment only of raw sewage, as do most of the plants along the stream.

**'Accordings' Not In Accord**

According to Town Manager R. W. Emerick, the plant removes 90 to 95 percent of solids, which are then decomposed through a process of bacteriological digestion, and the remaining water is chlorinated before it enters the creek. According to Middlebury plant operator Lucius Shaw, chlorination of the water has been stopped because it was not "thought nesessary." According to the January, 1967, edition of **Scientist and Citizen,** primary sewage treatment "is strictly physical treatment for the removal of suspended solids . . . primary treatment removes 35 percent of solid fecal material from raw sewage."

**Falling Short**

Not a little discrepancy is apparent in these three statements. Whatever the statistics may show to be the worth of this primary treatment, a visit to the Middlebury plant and 20-20 vision are all that is necessary to realize that large volumes of crap are still being pumped into the creek.

Multiplied by the number of towns with primary treatment plants, those smaller communities with no treatment plants, an incalculable number of single-user sewer lines emptying into the creek, side-effects from river-bank garbage dumps and incidental beer-can tossers and the like, the Middlebury situation indicates that the danger to one falling in the creek is greater from disease than from drowning.

**Steps Forward**

These conditions do not mean that this area is especially short-sighted. The New England River Basins Commisson was the first to be formed under the 1965 Water Resources Planning Act. Senator Aiken was one of the prime movers for the 1954 Small Watersheds Act. The New York-Vermont Interstate Commission on the Lake Champlain Basin (INCOCHAMP) has concerned itself with pollution problems for over 17 years. The Vermont State Water Resources Board has been given the power of eminent domain. Technological problems encountered by sewage plant supervisors and operators will be the concern of a newly formed Green Mountain Water Pollution Control Association.

There is a forward-

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**Entrance to pipe returning "purified" water to the Creek. White specks are detergent and scum.**

# ive Thirties: It With You'

never as bitter as Odets, never as poetic as Maxwell Anderson or O'Neill.

Carried to a logical conclusion, however, this contrast becomes hopelessly misleading, bceause this would be to judge Kaufman on the wrong terms. His milieu was comedy and laughter. Kaufman hated the silence and pauses in straight drama; he even disliked the music in musical comedies. Irving Berlin remembered the most horrifying experience was to have Kaufman walk out of the theatre when the music started in a musical, only to return once the dialogue began (of course, Kaufman remembered in horror Berlin's walking out when the dialogue started). Kaufman loved laughter and he loved to hear people laugh.

What is surprising is that this burst of comedy should have come in the midst of the Depression. It has not always been the case that in times of "lean days and hungry nights" there is opportunity for laughter. Kaufman could provide that opportunity and so could Aristophanes in a play such as "The Birds" (to be presented May 13 and 14 by the Middlebury College Players) which was performed during the days when Athens was fighting for its survival; but those two names just about exhaust the list. Each created a place in the national consciousness of his time for laughter, despite an environment that seemed too disheartening for humor.

In the sixties we have seen social objections raised in protest works such as "Viet Rock" or in the violent actions of "angry young men." In the thirties it was Odets and the Group Theatre. In Athens it was Euripedes. By comparison a playwright such as Kaufman may appear trite, perhaps even flippant. Well, Kaufman never pretended to be an "intellectual."

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# *All The News You Can Manage*

**"The making of the illusions which flood our experience has become the business of America, some of its most honest, most necessary, and respectable business. Multiplication of forms and improvements of technology inevitably make all experience a commodity. The story of the making of our illusions — 'the news behind the news' — has become the most appealing news of the day. We need not be theologians to see that we have shifted the responsibility for making the world interesting from God to the newspaperman."**
**—Daniel Boorstein, historian, from The Image, 1961.**

The term "illusion" in reference to what we normally call "facts," or "events," or "news" is confusing. But the fascination of "news management" to public, press, and government is one indication of the growing impact and pervasiveness of mass-produced mass experience. If we are inevitably entering the "Age of McLuhan," then the integrity of our media should rightly be an abiding public concern.

Even the issue of "news management" is but a part of the question. As Joseph Kraft, the columnist, asserted in Harper's, the conflict over "management" takes fuel from "the popular myth, held by both press and government, that news is something that really exists," something both tangible and passive, merely fit to print, "instead of being shaped and put out for "the eye of the beholder." Furthermore, the government and press have developed an "affinity of structure" and interest, as both government and reporting functions have become increasingly professionalized.

Yet, if the media and government find themselves to be cozier than ever structurally, the Middlebury Conference revealed that they both cherish a public image of mutual independence. The Conference raised complex problems: Government manipulation of the sources and conduits of public information, and the implications of this for a free press in a free society; the effect of mass media news on public understanding; whether the government can "stage" a news event as it sees fit by the selective release of information; whether the denial of access to certain information is deliberate "news management," bureaucratic arrogance, or "in the interests of national security."

Unfortunately, the Conference often seemed torn between a narrow discussion of news management as related to Vietnam and a view of news production as an institutional feature of modern America. This led to debate over the almost interchangeable details of particular "credibility gaps" with too little speculation on whether these incidents indicate a pattern of government behavior.

The focus of interest seemed to be in the division of labor between the press and the government as they both work to inform the people.

**Information IS Power**

Arthur W. Sylvester, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, 1961-1967, propounded the notion that "information is power." Information makes news, in its immediacy. And "The man with the most facts and understanding of the interrelation of facts has power." Because the Government is "your government, an instrument of the people," Mr. Sylvester implied that its "power" was always employed in the public interest.

There is much ambiguity here. We could read Mr. Sylvester's thesis as an assertion that the power to rule this country is, or has been, conferred as an inherent right to those holding the most information, the experts. Or he could be making the self-evident statement that those institutions having access to and control of facts are the most powerful. Notably, he seems to have a strong technological attitude about information and its uses.

**The Right To Lie**

Mr. Sylvester went on to explain his controversial "right to lie" statement, made about the Cuban Missile Crisis. Because the use of the power of news "holds off" the violent uses of power, there are times when the government has "the duty and right to mislead and lie to deceive an enemy." Mr. Sylvester admitted that he preferred the "right to hedge" as a more accurate and less shocking definition of this right. But, as a consequence of the decision making process, "you can't operate in a goldfish bowl."

**The Loyal Opposition**

According to Mr. Sylvester, a newsman since 1924, there is a

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# Colby Eliminates Sextet From ECAC Tourney

## *Brown, Doherty Star In 4-3 Overtime Tragedy*

Bill Henrich's ten-foot rebound after 37 seconds of the second overtime ended Middlebury's season and gave Colby a thrilling 4-3 playoff win before a near capacity crowd in Waterville, Maine.

Henrich scored after dangerous Mike Self had skated in all alone from the blue line and taken a backhander from in front of the net that Peter Brown miraculously blocked.

Captain BLAINE DOHERTY

Goalie Brown was brilliant, making 52 saves, 20 in the hectic third period. Leland Potter made 27 saves for the Mules.

**Prolific Doherty**

Blaine Doherty scored all three of Middlebury's goals, his last one tying up the game with just eight minutes remaining in regulation play.

Unbelievably, the referees took back three goals that Colby scored, one in each period. Self's slap-shot goal with seven minutes left in the contest was disallowed, causing a five-minute delay. Self, the nation's leading scoring defenseman with 32 goals, received a ten-minute misconduct for throwing his stick in the air.

Much of the first overtime period and of the last five minutes of the second overtime period was played in the Middlebury defensive area, often directly in front of the net.

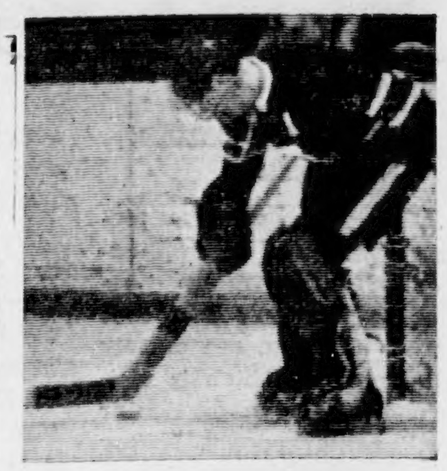
Middlebury led only once, when Doherty opened up the scoring midway through the first period on a backhand pass from behind the net by Stu Dunn.

Doherty's goal with 59 seconds remaining in the final period kept the Panthers alive and slowed down the fire-up Mules.

**Thus Fate Spins**

If fate had written a different story in the overtime stanzas, Middlebury would have been playing in the Division II finals at home against Merrimack.

As it was, Merrimack took the playoffs by defeating Colby last Saturday night, 6-4.



**In an action sequence, goalie PETER BROWN skates out to cut down the angle (left) and the turns aside the oncoming puck (right). Brownie culminated his brilliant career with an astounding 52 saves in Middlebury's 4-3 defeat against Colby College.** **— Sluder**

# Basketball Team Still In Search Of Promised Land

By BOB LENZ

Having suffered through a disastrous 1-23 season, Middlebury's basketball team can only look forward to next season and say, like the late Brooklyn Dodgers, "Wait 'till next year."

This is not to say there weren't a few moments of sunshine for the team.

Captain Peter Roby, at 6' 3", displayed tremendous effort under the boards against taller men, leading the team in rebounds with 225.

Roby's foul difficulties were a major problem. Forced to rebound aggressively against bigger forwards, he led the team in fouls and fouled out of four of the last five games.

Roby's ability to inspire will be missed, perhaps even more than his output on both ends of the floor.

Missing too will be sparkplug, Dave Nicholson, Middlebury's own Frank Ramsay. Whatever he might have lacked in finesse or shooting ability, he made up for in alert play and clever defense. Nicholson led the team in assists with 99 (a new Middlebury record) and undoubtedly set a world's record for drawing offensive fouls.

Middlebury's two reserve forwards, Karl Lindholm and Rich Roller, will also be graduating. Lindholm's ability to come off the bench and fill in at different spots, especially for Roby when he was in foul trouble, was a major asset.

Next season, then, Coach Jerry Alaimo will go to work with his solid corps of returning lettermen, plus a highly promising freshman crew.

Two juniors, Dave Vanier and Bob Reed, will be back.

Vanier led the team in scoring with a 16.3 average and in field goal percentage with 45.3 percent.

John Freshman will be Middlebury's tallest returning player at 6'3". His rebounding improved with each game this season and his two most outstanding performances were near the end of the campaign against Vermont.

Guard Kevin Ducey who showed occasional signs of brilliance will give the Panthers another big outside threat. Ducey often appeared unsettled in some of this year's games, but his quick drives and soft outside shot will be aided by one year's experience.

Shotgun Rick Minton, an excellent corner shooter and an aggressive rebounder, will continue to spark the Panthers with his charged-up attitude.

Alaimo will be using players from this year's freshman squad to fill in the rest of the gaps, and he'll be drawing from one of the deepest freshman teams in years.

**Blaine Doherty, a junior from Sudbury, Ontario has been elected captain of the 67-68 hockey team. He led the team in scoring with 43 points (23 goals and 20 assists), picking up a hat trick three times during the season.**

**Doherty displayed his versatility throughout the season. He skated as a first-line center until the return of Stu Dunn and then skated as a first-line left wing and a second-line center. In addition, he skated on the penalty-killing line and was a real workhorse in this capacity.**

## *"The Times They Are A-Changin"*

PETER ROBY: The Past

KEVIN DUCEY: The Future

**Inside Story**

# *Why I Play*

By Dave Nicholson

For Dave Nicholson, athletic honor is a duality. In a "public" sense, he is an All-American in soccer and has set career assist and personal foul records in basketball. In a "private" sense, Dave possesses other honors, among them: being dubbed in disdain "that little rat" by Norwich mentor Brannum; initiating a soccer riot singlehandedly; and a somewhat tainted TKO of a Norwich Cadet.

You start playing sports as a kid and no one thinks anything of it; you're supposed to, and it's fun. Does the same answer still apply when you're 22? Yes, but then there is more to it. Participating in an athletic event is a microcosm, a set of emotions entire of itself.

It's a funny thing but it seems as though everything is reduced to basic, vague feelings, especially in a tight game. You are aware of the crowd in that it is either friendly or hostile, but you don't usually hear what is being shouted, just noise.

Aha, the perceptive reader (flattering myself that some such person will digress to peruse this diatribe) cries out:

**"That's all and well for close games, but what about all the others?**

Well, when you win big — and my mind begins to sail dreamily off on 7-0, 6-1, 5-0 soccer wins only to be rudely dashed on such treacherous basketball shellackings as 98-43, 103-65 and even 111-51 — there is an obvious satisfaction in working with your teammates, enjoying either a home crowd's enthusiastic backing or a hostile one's sullen silence, and feeling tired and alive, all at once.

**Athletic Anti-Hero**

And when you lose, there is another kind of satisfaction, like having played well personally and having some away fans give you a round of applause as you leave the game or — as was much more frequent—watching a crowd deliver itself of genuine hatred and listening to some kid yelling at you and really hating you. You wonder, because they are going to win, but secretly you're glad he hates you, glad the crowd is booing the charging foul you picked up, and glad that in some way, you've spoiled the victory for them.

You remember the game at Williams, where, when the coach took you out, they all stood up and booed, and you just stood there and stared, wishing you had never heard of basketball, and vowing that you were going to quit right then. But afterwards you could laugh about it and even tell your friends about it, remarking that it was also the game where Dick Ide made a basket at the wrong end and they had to stop the game while every one, Dick included, laughed.

**Athletic Existentialist**

But more than all this, sports has been a way of finding an excitement and sense of purpose difficult to achieve in other existential modes of being. I don't deny that the same feelings may be reached in the classroom or the same satisfaction derived from writing a good paper, simply that everything is compressed into a few moments and the tension can be unbearable.

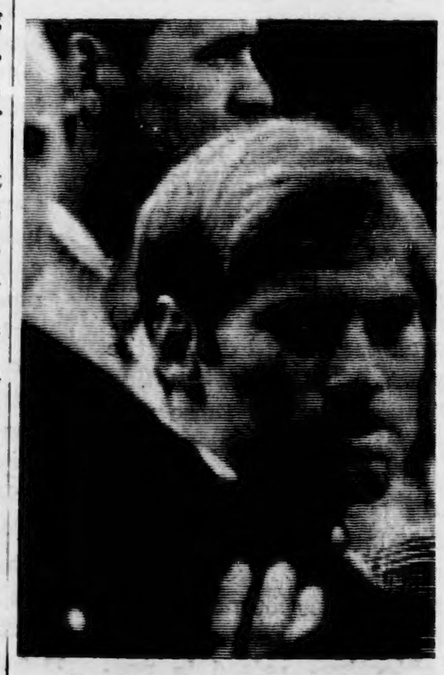
I think about a triple overtime win in high school which put us in the state championship semi-finals and how all the cheerleaders ran on the floor and embraced us; of colliding with a 200 pound Springfield College fullback and marvelling at the fact that he was sprawling in agony; and of scoring the winning goal against Norwich and raising my arms to the strangely quiet cadets gathered on a hill overlooking the field.

**Nostalgic Narcissist**

Too, sports has been a sweaty locker room at halftime, exhorting your teammates, half listening to the coach plead and order, cajole and berate. It's been exulting in a nice pass, or watching flashes of brilliance in a Dick Hall or Kevin Ducey, arguing with an adamant official and even the vanity of having the coach tell the other players to stop looking to pass to you all the time, expecting you to score the goal, balanced nicely with another coach taking you out just before halftime 'so somebody that can put the ball in the hoop' will take the last shot.

**Six Italians In Search Of Me**

It's been good friendships, rebelling against a coach while at the same time admiring him and his ability, and much more. It's even been getting chased around a soccer field by six Italians, seriously bent on murder, and, like it was when I was a kid, it's been fun.



**Sometimes author Nicholson doesn't play. Ineligible because of an authorized absence from school, he is but another face in the crowd at a soccer game. "The Child is Father of the Man" muses penitently the poet-pugilist.**

# Conf: The Right To Lie

(Cont. from Editorial Section)

"built-in and correct conflict" between newsmen and the government. Newsmen can't expect the government to acknowledge all actions taken in the "national self-interest," because it is their job to search out certain facts on their own. Since the government basically emits "truthful information," the news media are the predominant and "inherent" news managers.

Mr. Sylvester contends that the management potential of the media has grown as advertising has taken precedence over news space. The first function of a paper is to make money, not to be a guarantor of the "public's right to know." Furthermore, with complex demands on our time, the percentage of time spent informing ourselves is declining. Another trend, according to Mr. Sylvester, is that the media are relying more on the government to do their job.

**The Informed Public**

James Reston of the **New York Times** has said of the ironies of the mass media: "Never have reporters and commentators reached so many people in America with their news and views as they do now, or had so little **power** to influence the direction of the nation's foreign policy." Mr. Sylvester, however, seems to take a contrary view of the informed public. Although it is hard to tell the temper of the country from Washington, he said, he tried to search it out, for he has "never been cynical about the American people."

Mr. Sylvester allowed that some of the audience questions at Middlebury had indicated "assumptions without facts." Concerning the civilian casualty controversy in North Vietnam, Mr. Sylvester pointed out that "air-power enthusiasts" had "brainwashed" us into believing that there is pinpoint bombing. Yet, "without question civilian areas have been hit." Although the technicalities of bombing could have been more emphasized by the Department of Defense, Mr. Sylvester feels that this "should have been self-evident."

Unfortunately, Mr. Sylvester's technique of dealing with each alleged case of news manipulation as mere confusion of facts among the informed public begged the question of how government purveyance of information shapes and directs public understanding. During the Bay of Pigs Invasion of Cuba the Administration quietly requested **The New York Times** to defer a certain story of the invasion. President Kennedy later admitted to the editor of the **Times**, that, had they printed the story at their own discretion, he would have probably called-off the entire disastrous Invasion. How many other "Bay of Pigs" situations have there been, when our government lacked the courage or grace to confess the fallibility of its informed action?

It seems possible, then, to imagine a government "commitment" as sovereign in itself even though ill-conceived, because it has not been required to face a full public examination. If we follow Mr. Sylvester's "information is power" rhetoric too far, we may discover the bleak conclusion that the government always makes the best decisions, because by definition, it knows best.

# Otter Creek

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looking regional planning program in Addison County, and the Otter Creek Watershed Association has spurred public interest in the clearing-up of pollution with their projection of a Canoe Trail along the Creek, an idea since taken up by the Otter Creek Soil and Water Conservation District. The League of Women Voters has long been active in promoting the correct use of water resources in this area. The Middlebury Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Campers Association, area Boy Scouts, and county extension services make up other interest groups.

**Confusion**

The proliferation of groups concerned with water resources, especially those with govern-

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# *To The Editor...*

(Cont. from Editorial Section)

**To the editor:**

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the editors and staff of THE BLUE BABOON for their latest and most successful edition, "A Recommendation and Report to the President of Middlebury College by the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Life." Rarely has a student humor magazine been able to achieve a satiric work of such sustained excellence. The findings and recommendations of the committee kept us in stitches throughout.

The aura of reality surrounding the work almost convinces the most sophisticated of readers that there actually does exist such a committee at Middlebury.

It is indeed encouraging to find in the Middlebury educational evironment such a strong ly individual and ingenious outburst against the mindless tendency in our increasingly bureaucratic society to seek "The committee solution."

The pamphlet, which opens with a bang with recommendations of the committee continues to build inexorably towards its climax in the brilliant description of the satellite social dining plan, a minor tour de force reminiscent of Swift's "A Modest Proposal."

We can only admire the author's restraint in dealing with satellite concept which would seem to lend itself to endless exploitation.

It is only after several readings that the laughter dies away and the perceptive reader is able to discern beneath the author's satiric stance his moral kinship with Dostoyevsky and Ionesco who saw so deeply into the predicament of the individual and his struggle against the dehumanizing tyranny of our modern bourgeois planners.

**Joseph P. McLaughlin**
**Class of 1965, Independent**
**Paul A. Witteman**
**Class of 1965, Delta Upsilon**

# Armstrong Announces Faculty Promotions For Thirteen Here

Promotion of 13 members of the Middlebury College faculty, including five to full professor, was announced today by Dr. James I. Armstrong, Middlebury president.

Raised to professor were Dr. Albert H. Ewell, Jr., chairman of the Psychology Department, Dr. Walter A. Moyer, Jr., Chemistry; Dr. E. Kirk Roberts, Chemistry; Dr. Harris E. Thurber, chairman of the Political Science Department, and Chaplain Charles P. Scott, chairman of the Religion Department.

Dr. Ewell is a graduate of Haverford.

He became an asst. prof. at Middlebury in 1955, was named chairman of the department the following year, and was advanced to associate professor in 1961.

A graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science in 1943, Dr. Moyer received his master's degree in Chemistry from Middlebury and his Ph. D. at the University of Delaware.

Dr. Roberts is a 1941 graduate of Earlham College. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University where he served as a teaching fellow before coming to Middlebury in 1952 as an instructor. He was named assistant professor in 1955 and raised to associate in 1961.

Chaplain Scott is a 1943 graduate of Ohio State University.

He was asst. minister of the Washington Park Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, Wisc., 2 years before coming to Middlebury in 1951 as Chaplain and Instructor in Religion.

Dr. Thurber is a 1943 graduate of the University of Vermont.

He first joined the Middlebury faculty as Instructor of Political Science in 1947, left to obtain his doctorate, and returned in 1951.

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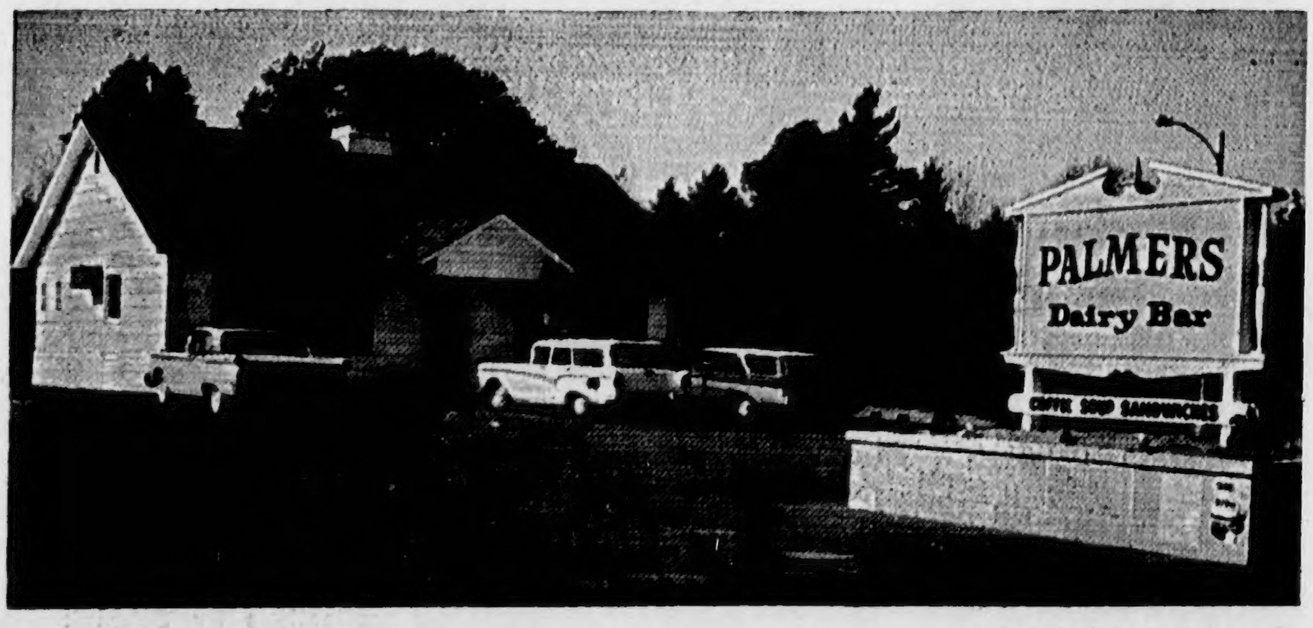


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# Honor Board Tries Case; Questions Its Own Role

By RICHARD WILSON

Early last month the ten-member Honor Board tried the first case of dishonesty brought to the Board's attention in its history. The incident involved a male student who was accused by his professor of cheating during a final exam. The evidence was conclusive enough that the board concurred that a violation of the Honor 'Code had taken place and recommended that the student be suspended for a semester.

The chairman of the Board, Bob Waterhouse, told the **Campus** that Dean of the College Dennis O'Brien felt the punitive action "far more lenient than any administrative action would have been." That this is true indicates that the Board is fulfilling its purpose — or one of them at least; for there seems to be a diversification of opinions on just exactly what function the Honor System was designed to serve.

The student in question was on probation. A recommendation of dismissal would have made it virtually impossible for him to return to Middlebury.

Junior class board member Gerry Goodrich sees the main purpose of the system to be the putting of responsibility of judging cases in the hands of students as opposed to the hands of faculty members, the assumption being that the decisions reached by students will be less impersonal and will take into consideration factors that a faculty committee might view as unimportant.

Board chairman Bob Waterhouse '67 sees the job of the system as that of "creating a more relaxed atmosphere for students to take exams in." Waterhouse commented further that it was never intended that the Code would reduce the incident rate of cheating; the aim is simply to offer the student optimum exam conditions.

Diametrically opposed to this position is Benjamin Wissler, chairman of the ad hoc faculty advisory committee. Wissler views the system as a preventive one which sets up values that the student can come to believe in and defend. The side of the system which deals with the student in a judiciary capacity Wissler sees as "minutiae". The system is designed to head off the problem of student dishonesty before it occurs.

Within the next two weeks the Honor Board plans to meet to discuss the possibility of reforms and the future of the system. Is it a police organization which in fact does little to create a relaxed atmosphere but actually turns every student into an exam proctor? Is it the embodiment of a set of values that is strong enough to make the cheater see the error of his ways?

Or does the system represent a cynical view of the honor of the Middlebury student; a system in which the student's honor is only valid in the form of scribblings on the cover of a blue book?

To leave such questions unanswered would seem to preclude a reasoned treatment of the system's present and future.

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## Players

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If anything, the 43 comedies, satires, and musicals he wrote in 36 years serve as a meticulously conceived counterpoint to the more "serious" works of his contemporaries. It would certainly be less effective to possess the one sort of theatre experience and not the other.

Even though it has been in fashion to "downgrade" the literature of the thirties, Prof. Allan Halline in his anthology of Modern American Drama can observe: "In the present editor's opinion Kaufman and Hart surpass Congreve and Wycherley in social satire; time may show that their achievement is as important as that of Moliere or Wilde."

## 'Deer Park'

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the relevance of, say, **Macbeth** to one's own life becomes clear. It is also true that in a play like **Macbeth** one is constantly discovering new dimensions that one cannot exhaust in a lifetime.

But **The Deer Park** is different, and unique. All its dimensions are thrown at you at once. The ideas are primarily not abstractions drawn from overall patterns of action, language, etc. Rather each line, each action relates directly and forcibly to an idea; the border between action and idea is so thin that the viewer finds his own honesty, courage and intelligence directly and constantly challenged.

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mental jurisdiction, itself poses a problem, however.

In an address to a 1966 session of INCOCHAMP, Justin Brande, Cornwall farmer who was a past activist in the Otter Creek Watershed Association and is now head of the Vermont Natural Resources Council, noted that " 'planning coordination' often sounds like a babel of confusion made up of suffocating voices with paper-rustling . . . in natural resource planning, in our watershed we have two levels of forestry officials, plus fish and game people, soil conservation experts as well as the Army Corps of Engineers, all with some jurisdiction but without any apparent coordination of programs."

**Arbitrary Divisions**

In an interview with the **Campus**, Brande cited the artificial barriers to solving natural resources problems. Pollution problems in the Lake Champlain Basin, for example, concern not only the communities around its banks, but those along pollution-contributing rivers and streams, the states of Vermont and New York, the federal government and Canada. "Political divisions are anathema to nature," Brande points out.

He recommends dealing with watershed management on the local level through a study of recreation, water supply and waste disposal at the town and village level in relation to the bigger regional concepts. A prerequisite to this localization of authority, he emphasizes, would be the awakening of local citizens to the need for protection of their water supplies "for current consumption as well as for future generations."

**No Such Thing**

A crying need for public re-education, points out Brande, is manifested in the very idea of waste disposal.

"Waste is a figment of man's imagination," he says. Man seriously disturbs natural cyclical processes which left alone would normally admit of no "waste."

Athelstan Spilhaus, professor of geophysics at the University of Minnesota and chairman of the Committee on Pollution of the National Academy of Science-National Research Council, puts it another way. There is a pressing need to "reconsider our economy, which is based on the fallacious idea that there is such a thing as a consumer. I believe that we can have a viable economy under private enterprise which regards what we presently call a consumer a user, and that after use, materials left over are collected, disassembled, and put back in the cycle of manufacture to re - use. Some economists see no need for this because they argue from the resource availability standpoint that if we run out of one material, we can always invent a substitute. This is beside the point. We can invent plastic substitutes for metals and such-like, but we cannot re-invent the natural diversity that is the beauty of an unspoiled environment."

**A Delicate Balance**

This delicate cyclical balance of unspoiled environments has been seriously tampered with by man. Some results are all too familiar.

In Long Island, housing development dwellers have drawn glasses of tap water with foaming detergent heads. Lake Michigan abounds with closed-down beaches. Lake Texoma has suffered from saltwater seepage from oil wells. Lake Tahoe, long known for its crystal clear water, has witnessed the insidious invasion of algae, a sure sign of pollution. The Mississippi has been described as the central sewer pipe of a nation. And on and on . . .

**Potential Wastelands**

If some effects of pollution are readily apparent to the naked eye, however, more subtle effects defy estimation. "Restoring the Quality of Our Environment," a 1965 report by the Environmental Pollution Panel of the President's Science Advisory Committee, emphasizes in simple language the interdependence of living organisms in its plea for a saner policy of utilizing natural resources:

"Obviously man cannot live alone in a biological desert . . . man must reckon with the fact that, just as he depends on an assortment of renewable resources which are directly useful to him, so also do all other species depend on their own assortments . . . the species of plants and animals which man depends upon indirectly are very many times more numerous than those which he uses directly. Altogether they constitute man's environment. No one is independent of this, not only if he lives on a farm in the country, but even if he spends his entire life in a city of concrete and glass and buys all his food at the corner supermarket. Any one of us is likely to be more or less affected when pollution defiles a habitat, even one we have never seen."

**Possibilities**

In some areas pollution has been so effective a defiler that experts have termed the ruin of an ecological environment irreversible.

Such is not the case in the Otter Creek watershed area. The kinds of water pollution contributors hardest to control (oil slicks, radioactive and other chemical and industrial wastes) are not factors.

Rather the problem seems to depend for solution on advanced methods of sewage treatment. Eventually municipalities will be expected to upgrade present primary treatment plants to secondary (including biological treatment) and tertiary (required for making polluted water potable) stages by increasingly stringent state and federal regulations.

Legislative actions on pollution, however, are notably corrective in nature rather than preventative. Important baby steps have already been taken here to correct an alarming situation. What might be hoped for is a locally-initiated giant step.

**Tryouts for Aristophanes' comedy The Birds will be held tomorrow and Monday, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the lounge of Wright Memorial Theater.**

**Call-backs and further tryouts will take place Tuesday, March 21, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Theater auditorium.**

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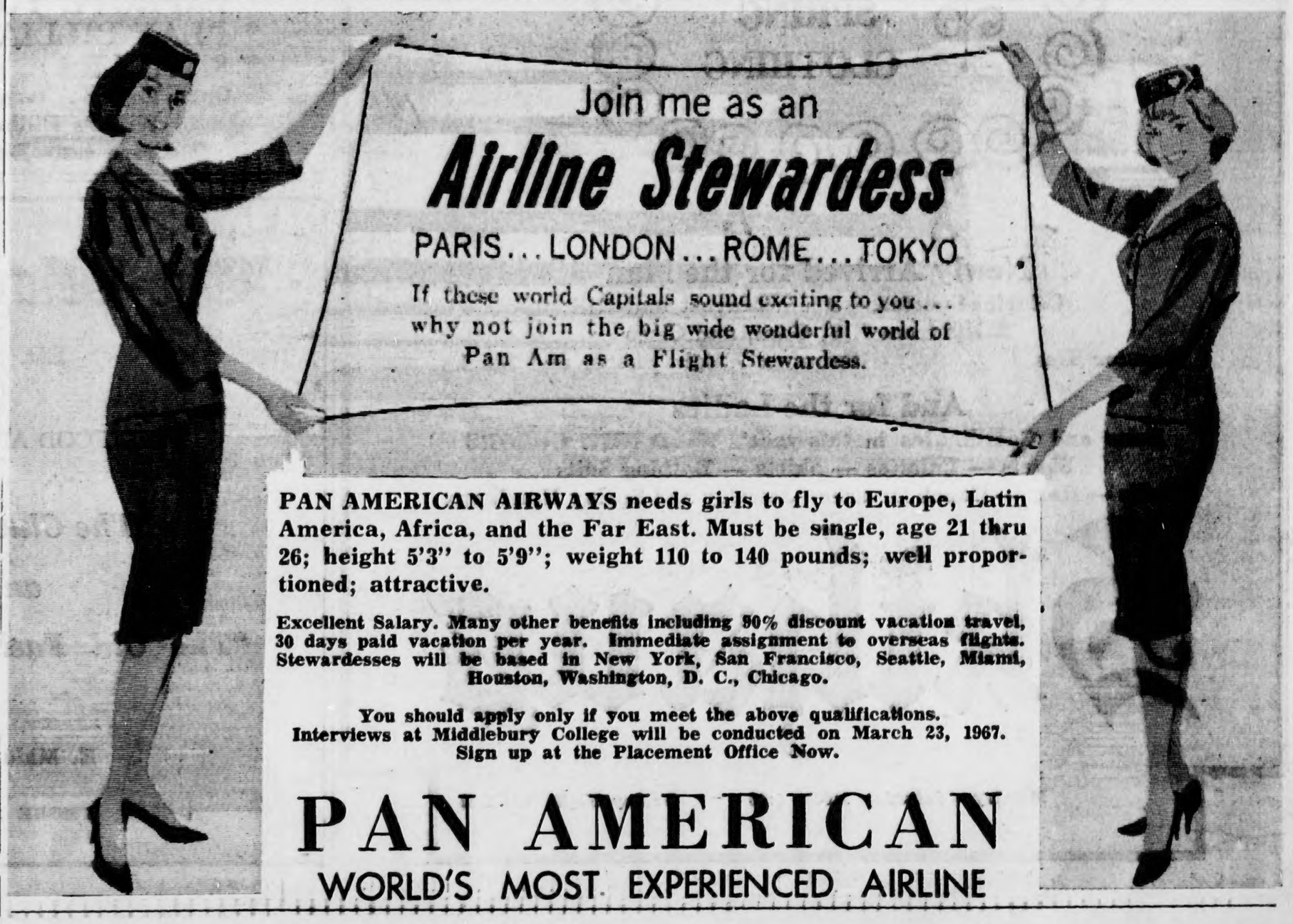
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cept of becoming more powerful by voting yourself out of office."

**Point of Embarrassment?**

The **Campus** also asked Peterson whether he thought that not having a student government might be a point of embarrassment to the college. He answered this question with one of his own: "Do you know whether or not there is any kind of student government at Amherst?"

The new dean said that no one had contacted him about the possibility of setting up a new student government in the last week since the SA was dissolved.

Former Student Association president John Rogers also commented that no one had spoken to him about the possibilities of a new student government at Middlebury, but said that he had been invited to submit a recommendation to the Student Life Committee at their next meeting on March 29.

Rogers said that he felt "it was significant that the library sit-in which accomplished longer library hours last week was held as the SA was being voted out of existence."

"I think that his was exactly the type of **Ad Hoc** committee that we were thinking about throughout the whole thing. This was something the Student Association had been working on all year without any success."

Dean of Women Elizabeth Kelly said that she felt that this was "a student thing," and that it was the "students' choice" to dissolve the Student Association.

Mrs. Kelly commented that she was unclear as to "whether the vote meant that the students here feel that their student government was no good as it was, or whether they think that student government just isn't worth having in general." She also said that a student government's dying was not a unique thing at Middlebury, and that it has happened elsewhere as well.

**Financial Problems**

Coordinator of student activities Lynn Hinman said that "it is too early to tell exactly what the effects of not having an SA are going to be, but some financial problems have already started." Hinman said that people have started coming to him asking for money, but that no one is sure how to give it out.

"Someone has suggested to me that organizations might arrange to get money from the fund by drawing up petitions and getting 800 people to sign them, but this sounds awfully inefficient to me," Hinman said.

## Poet, Scholar To Lecture Wed.

Dudley Fitts, poet, educator and classics translator, will present the 1967 Abernethy Lecture at 8:00 p.m. next Wednesday in Wright Theater. Fitts will read and comment on his own works.

Educated at Harvard, Fitts is an English instructor at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., and editor of the Yale Series of Younger Poets. He previously visited Middlebury as a member of the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference staff in 1961.

Fitts is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was also appointed Phi Beta Kappa poet at Harvard University in 1961.

His books include **Poems 1929-36, Two Poems** and **The Poetic Nuance**, and his translations include **Poems from the Greek Anthology, Greek Plays in Modern Translation**, Sophocles' **King Oedipus** and Aristophanes' **Lysistrata** and **Frogs and Birds.**

Eight of the 10 largest cities in the country lost population between 1950 and 1960.

## ROTC Program Fair Substitute For Phys. Ed.

Faculty concern 15 years ago for a heavy freshman work load is the basis for the current substitution of ROTC drill for one hour of physical education credit.

According to Physical Education Professor J. J. Kelly, when ROTC was made compulsory for freshmen in 1952, the faculty requested the Department of Physical Education to accept the substitution. The Department agreed.

When ROTC was made voluntary last year, the physical education department still accepted drill as a substitute, while requiring three hours of physical education per week from non-ROTC students.

Since the voluntariness of the ROTC program changed the complexion of the situation, Kelly explained the department's rationale for continuing to allow the substitution. He said the department will give credit "for any exercise of a physical character that can be verified." Such exercise includes skiing at the Snow Bowl, participating in a Mountain Club overnight and bicyling by notifying him beforehand. ROTC is also included.

When asked whether the lack of drill during the winter gave ROTC students an advantage, Kelly commented that extra drills — contributing to a total of twelve per semester — are held in the fall and spring. These twelve drills, he felt, with the 27 hours of required physical exercise, make the ROTC requirements commensurate with the non-ROTC 40 hour re-requirement.

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